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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to an Advisory Action dated March 3, 2004 and is submitted on or before the due date of April 9, 2004. The amendment is submitted to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of Claim 71 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and to place the specification in compliance with the rules for patent applications containing amino acid and/or nucleotide sequence disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

While no fee is believed to be due, if this belief is in error, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. 468268-00018 [A-65353-8/RFT/RMS/RMK]).

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